

What are the benefits of reading and studying Revelation:

1. It informs us of what is on the horizon.

God has given us all of the answers in
Revelation of what we can expect.

What are the benefits of reading and studying Revelation:

2. It fills us with hope, rest, and peace.

Name: Revelation is sometimes called,
"The Apocalypse".

What are the benefits of reading and studying Revelation:

3. God promises to bless those who study Revelation.

Apocalypse: "unveiling"

Author: The author of Revelation is John.

Date, Occasion, and Purpose: Revelation was written when Christians were entering a time of extreme persecution.

The two periods of time most often mentioned are the latter part of Nero's reign that was from AD 54-68 or the latter part of Domitian's reign from AD 81-96.

Literary Style: Revelation is unique in its literary style. It is Apocalyptic literature, which is very symbolic.

1. Seven Beatitudes (1:3)...there are seven beatitudes over the course of the book of Revelation.

2. Seven churches (1:4, 11)

3. Seven spirits (1:4)

4. Seven golden lampstands (1:12)

5. Seven stars (1:16)

6. Seven seals (5:1)

7. Seven trumpets (8:2)

8. Seven crowns (12:3)

9. Seven plagues (15:6)

10. Seven kings (17:10)

1. The text of Revelation was like a spiritual code for the early Church.
2. The passing of time does not weaken symbolism.
3. Symbolism arouses strong emotions.

Structure: Many view Revelation 1:19 as a
breakdown of the entire book

Breakdown:

1. What you have seen...the vision of Chapter 1.
2. What is now...would be the letter to the seven churches in Chapters 2-3 that we will look at the next couple of weeks.
3. What will take place later...would be Chapter 4 through Chapter 22.

Preterists: These people see the book of Revelation exclusively in a “first-century setting”, and would believe that most of these events have already taken place.

Historicists: They view Revelation as describing the long chain of events from Patmos to the end of history.

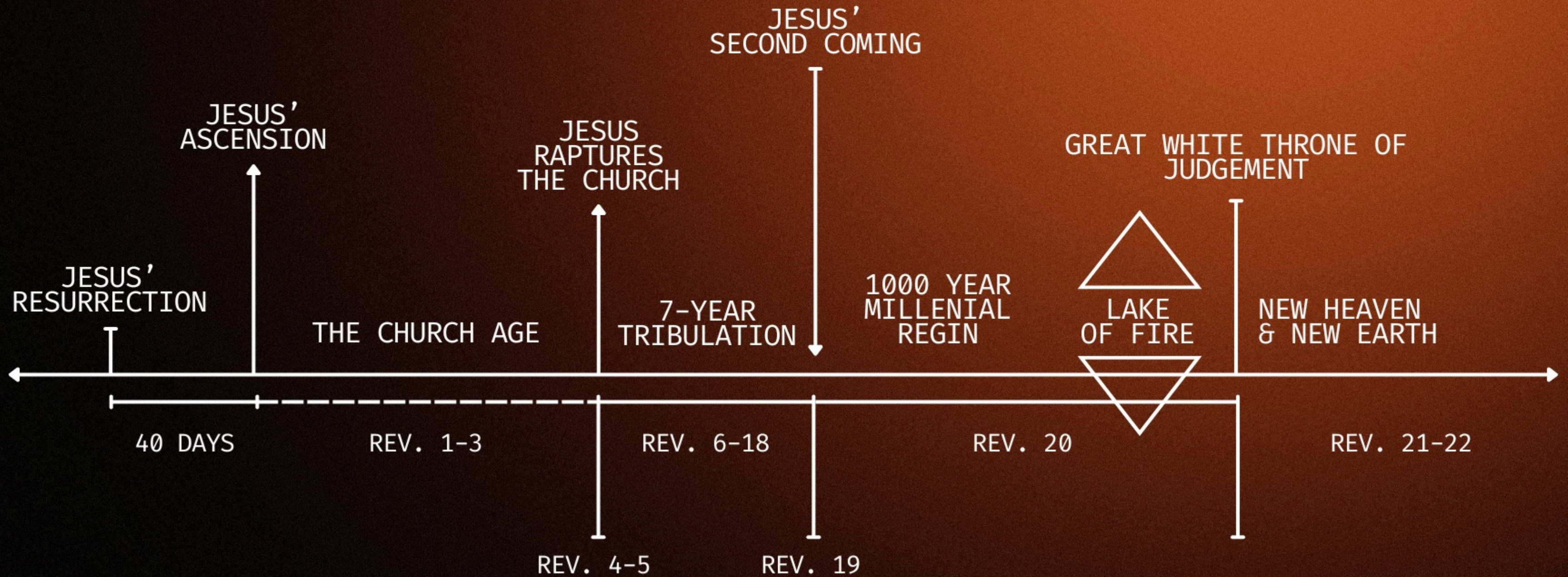
Futurists: They view Revelation as primarily about End Times. Revelation is about things to come.

Idealists: They view Revelation as symbolism and pictures of timeless truths as the victory of good over evil.

Revelation is both from
Jesus and about **Jesus**.

END-TIME EVENTS

TIMELINE



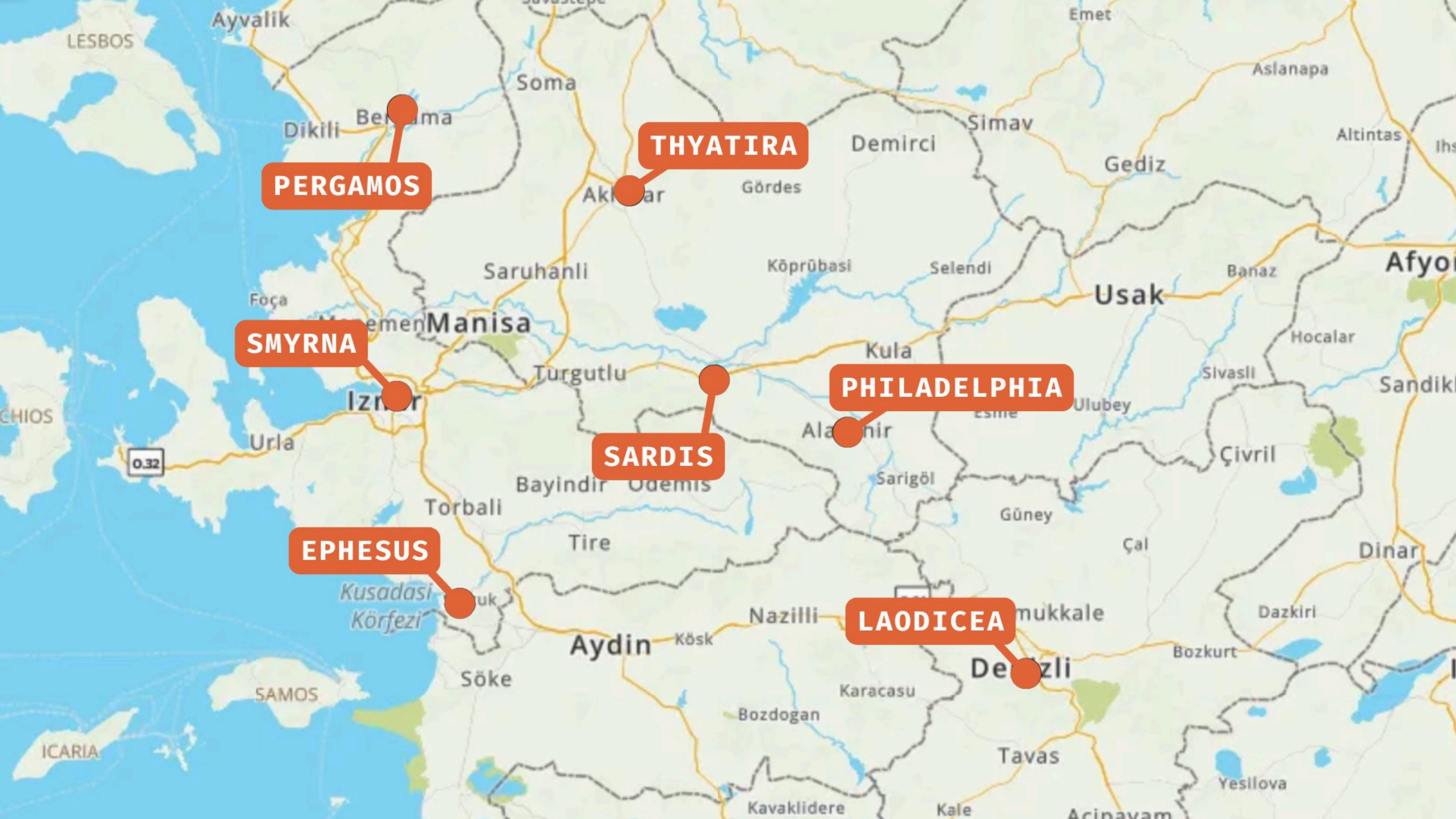
Seven Beatitudes of Revelation:

1. "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near" (1:3).
2. "Then I heard a voice from heaven say, 'Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them' " (14:13).
3. "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed" (16:15).
4. "Then the angel said to me, 'Write: "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" ' And he added, 'These are the true words of God' " (19:9).
5. "Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years" (20:6).
6. "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book" (22:7).
7. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city" (22:14).

What it says here about Jesus:

1. "Faithful witness"
2. "Firstborn from the dead"
3. "Ruler of the kings of the earth"
4. "Alpha" and "Omega"
5. "Who is, and was, and is to come"

John **heard** something, **saw**
something, and **did** something.



PERGAMOS

THYATIRA

SMYRNA

PHILADELPHIA

SARDIS

EPHESUS

LAODICEA